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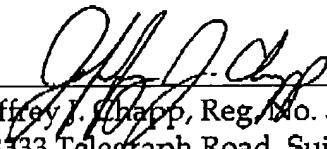
In the Office Action of July 18, 2006, claims 1-26 are pending. The Office Action states that the claims are directed to separate and distinct inventions and for that reason an election is required and a restriction for examination purposes is proper.

The Office Action groups claims 1-26 into a Group I, having claims 1-4 and 13-22, into a Group II, having claims 5-7, into a Group III, having claims 8-12 and 23-24, and into a Group IV, having claims 25-26. Applicants elect Group I without traverse.

Should the Examiners have any questions or comments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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